"A Cop on Every Corner"

Surveillance and Resistance in Bakersfield, CA

Flock in Kern

Bakersfield Police Department

BPD purchased 21 Flock ALPRs in 2021, and signed a 3-year $308k contract with Flock in 2023 (source: Atlas of Surveillance).
Thanks to recent reporting from 404 Media, we also know that BPD doesn't only use ALPR's. They also take advantage of Flock's Condor cameras, which track the movements of humans.
Flock left footage from some of their cameras (including from Bakersfield) exposed to the open internet in late 2025.

Kern County Sheriff's Office

According to Flock Safety's transparency portal, KCSO has 65 Flock cameras.

DeFlock Your Neighborhood

DeFlock is a crowdsourced map showing the location of ALPRs and other surveillance infrastructure.

YOU can add to it!

HOW:

1. Download the DeFlock app (or use the legacy web editor from a browser at deflock.org)
2. Tap "New Node" in the app and fill in the information
3. That's it!

NOTE: You can view the map without any log-in, but you will need to create an OpenStreetMap account in the app settings to add to it.

Pigs of a Feather

F l o c k Together

"We used to have an expression, 'You can't have a cop on every corner.' Now we got cameras that can help fill in some of those blanks."

-Tommy Tunson, former Arvin Chief of Police, 2025

"It is important as we go about doing the work of creating the world we wish to live in, that we do not conflate what makes us safe with what it takes to be more secure. In all we do, the human element must be part of our daily interactions."

-Tawana Petty, "Safety vs. Security: Are You Safe or Are You Secure?" 2018

De-Surveill Your Community

A cop on every corner doesn't make us safer. It just makes us more surveilled.

Only people working together to help each other will get us to the future we envision.

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What do ALPRs Capture?

Just license plates, right?

Wrong. They also catch:

-location, date, & time
-a car's make, model, and identifying features like bumper stickers (these features can then be searched in a database)

Why Should I Care?

-This data is collected from everyone, not just people suspected of a crime
-Additionally, it's not just available to our local police departments. It's also available to any CA city or county law enforcement too.
-Flock cameras can create a loophole for law enforcement, because they don't need a warrant to access the data.

What are Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)?

Cameras that take photographs of every car that passes them

(not to be confused with intersection cameras that only get triggered when you run a red light)

Flock Safety

The company most notorious for selling these cameras, along with a whole suite of surveillance tools, to law enforcement